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MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about September 1, 1954, they held 2,148.4 million bushels of wheat for export or carryover, some 5.5 per cent greater than the 2,036.5 million available a year ago. Supplies in millions of bushels, including on-farm stocks,(with last year's figures in brackets) by countries were: United States, 1,167.0 (1,067.8); Canada, 792.8 (820.1); Australia, 115.7 (56.6); and Argentina, 72.9 (92.0). Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the four major exporting countries for the month of August, 1954, totalled 54.2 million bushels, down 15.4 per cent from shipments of 64.1 million during August of 1953.

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock between January 1 and October 27 (with comparable figures for 1953 in brackets) were: slaughter cattle, 33,907 (18,989); feeder cattle, 7,597 (925); dairy and purebred cattle, 26,509 (34,082); calves, 3,804 (3,296); hogs, 16,822 (17,574); and sheep, 1,233 (1,116). Dressed meat exports in pounds were: beef 18,007,071 (22,239,948); pork, 43,172,883 (44,112,769); and mutton and lamb, 95,319 (41,643).

DAIRYING:

In the month of September, 1954, butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 3,009,000 pounds compared to 2,813,000 pounds in September, 1953, an increase of 7.0 per cent.

POULTRY:

The number of eggs graded at registered stations in August was 9 per cent below gradings in August 1953. Gradings in September were 3 per cent above those for the corresponding month in 1953. The average number of laying hens on farms in September was estimated at 3,112,000 compared to 2,320,000 a year ago. On this basis further relative increases in egg production may be expected.

CROPS:

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimates of Alberta 1954 crop production based on a survey conducted October 15, in millions of bushels (with 1953 figures in brackets) are: wheat, 95 (163); oats 74 (112); barley, 70 (108); fall rye, 3.5 (7.5); spring rye, 0.5 (2.2); mixed grains, 3.1 (2.8); flaxseed, 2.2 (2.0). A preliminary survey has shown wheat grades will average about mid-way between No. 4 and No. 5. Practically all the oats and barley grown will place in the feed grades.

An announcement, to the effect that a 10-cent a bushel interim payment would be made on 1953-54 wheat deliveries to the Canadian Wheat Board, was received after the page on grain marketing had been prepared. Alberta farmers will receive $11,051,700.

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GRAIN MARKETINGS IN ALBERTA

FARMERS' MARKETINGS INCLUDING PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS AND ESTIMATED INCOME RECEIVED.

CROP YEAR - August 1, 1953 - July 31, 1954 August 1, 1954 - July 31, 1955	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55
					- thousands of bushels -					
Marketings:										
Month of September	12,460	784	1,228	1,723	4,256	5,777	627	202	239	107
August - September	18,430	829	4,873	3,803	6,604	11,584	996	216	281	124
					- dollars per bushel -					
Estimated Farm Returns:[1]										
Returns per bushel	$ 1.14	1.14	0.49[2]	0.49	0.73[3]	0.73	86[4]	1.19[5]	2.72[4]	2.71[5]
Total Farm Returns:					- thousands of dollars -					
Month of September	$ 14,204	894	602	844	3,107	4,217	539	240	650	290
August - September	$ 21,010	945	2,388	1,864	4,821	8,456	857	257	764	334

Total cash returns to farmers for grain delivered in September 1954 is estimated at $6,485,000 compared to $19,102,000 in September 1953. August - September returns were $11,858,000 and $29,840,000 for 1954 and 1953 respectively. The Canadian Wheat Board have announced final payments on barley and oats delivered to the Board during the 1953-54 crop year which will average 9.7 and 6.3 cents a bushel respectively. From these final payments Alberta farmers will receive an estimated $5,158,000.

1. Based on the assumption that the grades of grain delivered in the period equal grades of 1953 crop.
2. Total received 55 cents a bushel.
3. Total received 83 cents a bushel.
4. Preliminary, estimated price per bushel of 1953 crop.
5. Based on average weekly cash closing quotations at Winnipeg.

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

SEPTEMBER, 1954, AND NINE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1954, COMPARED TO CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	GOOD STEERS		GOOD VEAL		GOOD LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without bonus)	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of September:								
Calgary	18.39	20.13	17.99	17.40	17.88	18.14	31.66	23.94
Edmonton	18.05	18.93	18.95	-	17.80	17.98	31.79	24.27
Lethbridge	18.10	19.55	17.04	17.08	17.36	17.78	31.32	23.36
January - September:								
Calgary	19.32	18.41	22.91	21.30	22.61	20.17	28.42	30.71
Edmonton	18.75	17.73	24.55	21.82	21.56	20.78	28.37	31.36
Lethbridge	18.65	18.14	21.70	18.82	21.32	19.88	28.13	30.45

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN
BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog-Barley Ratio[x]

1933-53	1953	Aug. 1953	Aug. 1954	Sept. 1954
21.5	22.2	25.2	21.0	18.7

Live Stock Price Relationships[x]

	1933-53	1953	Aug. 1953	Aug. 1954	Sept. 1954
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	84.7	74.3	96.8	101.2
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	92.8	82.7	94.0	96.2
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	91.2	89.9	103.1	105.3

x Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lbs. of Grade B_1 live hog at Edmonton prices, plus federal government premium.

x Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETINGS IN ALBERTA

SEPTEMBER AND NINE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1954, COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
				- number of head -				
Receipts at Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:								
Month of September	50,294	56,273	11,646	14,212	9,753	9,855	99,819	117,061
January - September	335,746	393,583	60,618	71,484	71,709	80,746	1,031,099	1,005,675
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of September	7,502	13,927	1,280	1,562	1,047	1,838		
January - September	37,537	52,887	5,756	5,679	3,074	3,956		
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:								
Month of September	42,792	42,346	10,366	12,650	8,706	8,018	99,819	117,061
January - September	298,209	340,696	54,862	65,805	68,635	76,790	1,031,099	1,005,675
Slaughterings in Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of September	x	2,720	x	806	x	286	x	1,948
January - September	x	23,475	x	6,334	x	1,533	x	19,803
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of September	45,512	45,066	11,172	13,456	8,992	8,304	101,767	119,009
January - September	321,684	364,171	61,196	72,139	70,168	78,323	1,050,902	1,025,478
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:								
Month of September	$ 6,690,264	5,813,514	569,772	605,520	152,864	124,560	5,088,350	4,284,324
January - September	$ 52,420,558	51,150,705	3,426,597	3,529,409	1,376,048	1,499,319	46,789,775	51,500,134

x Uninspected slaughterings for 1953 are not available. In calculating total net marketings and values it is assumed that slaughterings in uninspected plants in 1953 equalled slaughterings reported for 1954.

Estimated total income from net sales of live stock in 1954 (with 1953 figures in brackets) were: September $10,827,918 ($12,501,250) and for January to September inclusive $107,679,567 ($104,012,979).

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY AND POLLTRY PRODUCTS IN ALBERTA

1953 - 1954

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	AUGUST		JANUARY - AUGUST		AUGUST		JANUARY - AUGUST	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	3,019	3,137	18,009	18,130	1,670	1,741	10,204	10,369
Dairy Butter	7	5	62	49	4	3	35	26
Milk for Cheese Making	3,300	3,036	22,242	21,901	74	68	499	496
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream[x]	14,137	13,562	99,405	94,842	390	367	2,733	2,599
Milk for Fluid Sales	15,805	16,248	128,531	135,524	716	736	5,815	6,132
TOTAL VALUE - - - - - - - -$					2,854	2,915	19,286	19,622

x Ice Cream and Fluid Cream Converted to Milk Basis.

	SEPTEMBER		JANUARY - SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		JANUARY - SEPTEMBER	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations	851,400	876,210	12,825,800	12,520,800	$ 376,955	286,770	4,736,000	3,754,500
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketings through Registered Stations	872,400	837,570	3,102,000	3,163,000	$ 249,078	205,800	1,019,200	805,300
TOTAL VALUE EGGS and POULTRY					$ 626,033	492,570	5,755,200	4,559,800

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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

SEPTEMBER AND NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan.- Sept.)	1954 (Jan.- Sept.)	9 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (Sept.)	1954 (Sept.)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Flour Mills (8 Firms)	- Gross Sales	$.	22,811,521	20,686,095	- 9.32	2,216,255	2,398,772	8.24
	- Production	Barrels	2,611,159	2,164,010	- 17.12	260,343	273,505	5.06
		Value $.	25,381,479	20,791,799	- 18.08	2,746,075	2,690,852	- 2.01
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production	Lbs.	24,862,324	25,126,691	1.06	2,900,026	3,020,061	4.14
		Value $.	14,415,388	14,358,079	- .40	1,703,765	1,708,334	.15
Factory Cheese (1)	- Production	Lbs.	2,272,150	2,188,011	- 3.70	250,623	199,291	-20.48
		Value $.	742,017	733,735	- 1.12	81,452	65,766	-19.26
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales	$.	22,761,462	23,858,971	4.82	2,592,482	2,678,018	3.30
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales	$.	83,151,822	91,074,702	9.53	8,835,359	8,756,394	- .89
	- Production - Meat	Lbs.	203,983,229	220,163,439	7.93	20,474,774	22,549,219	10.13
		Value $.	60,884,812	66,252,598	8.82	6,212,393	5,599,211	- 9.87
	- Exports - Meat	Lbs.	104,658,606	109,029,286	4.18	10,239,131	10,897,470	6.43
		Value $.	31,399,170	32,674,936	4.06	3,106,552	2,705,842	-12.90

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

SEPTEMBER AND NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan.- Sept.)	1954 (Jan.- Sept.)	9 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (September)	1954 (September)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons	3,832,704	3,244,344	- 15.35	476,715	374,486	- 21.44
		Value $.	20,665,055	17,388,237	- 15.86	2,677,050	2,141,766	- 20.00
Salt	Production	Tons	18,555	22,583	21.71	2,235	2,574	15.17
Petroleum Products Refined	- Gross Sales	$.	85,270,488	88,554,539	3.85	10,713,036	8,556,328	- 20.13
Propane	Production	Gallons	10,998,098	12,055,502	9.61	1,487,099	1,482,796	- .29
	Sales	Gallons	10,987,961	12,269,478	11.66	1,535,161	1,423,046	- 7.30
Butane	Production	Gallons	5,057,131	5,651,971	11.76	680,753	747,170	9.76
	Sales	Gallons	1,677,089	4,568,500	172.41	524,532	570,492	8.76
Sulphur	Production	Tons	12,513	14,754	17.91	988	1,993	101.72
	Sales	Tons	8,538	13,897	62.77	983	2,056	109.16
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	1,941,300	2,144,210	10.45	179,966	193,821	7.70
Cement & Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	11,998,506	12,050,349	.43	1,790,312	1,828,411	2.13
Cement	Production	Barrels	2,373,526	2,284,367	- 3.76	269,330	260,040	- 3.45
		Value $.	6,068,781	5,804,121	- 4.36	689,485	657,901	- 4.58
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	412,330	472,128☆	14.50	51,323	54,561☆	6.31
	Production	Tons	13,894	16,569☆	19.25	1,609	2,048☆	27.28
		Value $.	215,361	236,156☆	9.66	25,531	28,690☆	12.37

☆ Estimated.

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

AUGUST AND EIGHT MONTH PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

			1953 (Jan. - Aug.)	1954 (Jan. - Aug.)	8 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (August)	1954 (August)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Petroleum	(1) Production	Barrels	47,404,413	55,762,542	17.63	7,958,820	8,314,356	4.47
	Value of Sales	$.	115,341,495	146,498,254	27.01	20,684,664	21,314,310	3.04
Natural Gas	(1) Production	M.C.F.	71,113,357	88,123,972	23.92	7,706,144	9,020,235	17.05
Petroleum-Crude & Refined	(2) Imports	Gallons	42,869,121	44,950,097	4.85	5,268,441	6,690,989	27.00
	Exports	Gallons	1,195,900,983	1,680,354,804	40.51	203,349,770	215,964,495	6.20
Petroleum Products Refined	(2) Production	Gallons	451,064,976	461,795,087	2.38	57,591,443	60,603,386	5.23
	Imports	Gallons	10,745,288	7,977,140	-25.76	1,598,735	1,409,956	-11.81
	Exports	Gallons	102,634,016	107,506,977	4.75	14,148,124	13,490,063	- 4.65
Natural Gasoline	(1) Production	Gallons	384,812	424,160	10.23	41,598	47,943	15.25
	Value of Sales	$.	1,109,851	1,266,312	14.10	125,704	144,334	14.82

(1) SOURCE: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, August, 1954, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

(2) SOURCE: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA

SEPTEMBER AND NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

		1953 (Jan.- Sept.)	1954 (Jan.- Sept.)	9 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1953 (Sept.)	1954 (Sept.)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production	Lumber-ft.b.m.	325,633,000	298,701,000	- 8.27	7,245,000	6,327,000	-12.67
	Value $.	13,025,300	11,948,000	- 8.27	289,800	253,100	-12.66
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products	$.	15,905,000	14,828,000	- 6.77	362,000	325,000	-10.22
Fur (Wild Life) - Trapped	No. of Pelts	1,356,407	991,646	- 26.89	1,123	3,769	235.62
	Value $.	1,349,993	953,797	- 29.35	2,373	4,791	101.90
Fisheries Production 3 Mos. (Jan.-March)	Lbs.	2,251,154	2,272,788	.96	-	-	-
	Value $.	272,196	392,266	44.11	-	-	-
Wholesale Trade - Gross Sales	$.	420,220,536	396,640,874	- 5.61	46,235,421	42,873,510	- 7.27
Machinery, Agricultural- Gross Sales	$.	52,005,330	34,034,363	- 34.56	4,754,215	2,906,538	-38.86
Machinery, Other - Gross Sales	$.	21,647,973	17,028,114	- 21.34	2,247,954	1,805,687	-19.67
Bank Clearings	$.	2,918,511,634	3,199,164,693	9.62	339,418,724	388,447,049	14.44

AUGUST AND EIGHT MONTH PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

		1953 (Jan.- Aug.)	1954 (Jan.- Aug.)	8 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1953 (August)	1954 (August)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Department Store Sales (1)	$.	59,881,000	60,190,000	.52	7,436,000	7,488,000	.70
Retail Trade - Gross Sales (2)	$.	631,943,000	587,035,000	- 7.11	85,309,000	74,500,000	-12.67
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (3)	No.	32,192	23,025	- 28.48	2,555	2,087	-18.32
	Value $.	80,451,000	59,510,000	- 26.03	6,401,000	5,512,000	-13.89
Bank Debits (4)	$.	5,901,907,000	5,974,504,000	1.23	770,797,000	713,625,000	- 7.42
Customs' Duty Receipts	$.	11,951,946	9,672,174	- 19.07	1,318,862	1,261,835	- 4.32
Electric Power - Consumption (5)	K.W.Hrs.	846,804,000	967,711,000	14.28	106,253,000	119,420,000	12.39

(1) Source: Department Store Sales and Stocks, Vol. XIX, No. 8, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: Retail Trade, Vol. XXVI, No. 8, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVI, No. 8, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(4) Source: Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 31, No. 8, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(5) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 22, No. 8, 1954, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

SEPTEMBER AND NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

BUILDING PERMITS:		1953 (Jan.- Sept.)	1954 (Jan.- Sept.)	9 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (Sept.)	1954 (Sept.)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
CALGARY	Number	3,893	2,964	- 23.86	532	510	- 4.14
	Value $.	34,542,916	32,897,101	- 4.77	3,262,868	5,095,585	56.17
EDMONTON	Number	5,628	6,192	10.02	905	905	-
	Value $.	44,645,191	57,709,458	29.26	5,354,125	5,295,645	- 1.09
MEDICINE HAT	Number	564	648	14.89	91	81	-10.99
	Value $.	6,588,331	6,861,557	4.15	618,590	1,428,800	130.98
LETHBRIDGE	Number	369	393	6.50	42	66	57.14
	Value $.	2,429,050	2,084,599	- 14.18	169,700	366,650	116.06
RED DEER	Number	308	272	- 11.69	61	49	-19.67
	Value $.	2,678,750	2,207,850	- 17.58	362,400	437,550	20.74
DRUMHELLER	Number	49	50	2.04	4	7	75.00
	Value $.	110,995	304,273	174.13	26,450	17,550	-33.65
WETASKIWIN	Number	112	114	1.79	10	23	130.00
	Value $.	1,180,740	573,580	- 51.42	38,200	125,550	228.66
TOTAL (7 CITIES)	NUMBER	10,923	10,633	- 2.66	1,645	1,641	- .24
	VALUE $.	92,175,973	102,638,418	11.35	9,832,333	12,767,330	29.85

CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA:(1)		1953 (Jan.- Sept.)	1954 (Jan.- Sept.)	9 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (Sept.)	1954 (Sept.)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	5,429	4,049	- 25.42	762	634	- 16.80
	Value $.	67,452,600	41,962,300	- 37.79	5,794,300	7,281,100	25.66
BUSINESS	Number	660	573	- 13.18	76	91	19.74
	Value $.	47,713,400	61,606,000	29.12	6,993,300	9,292,200	32.87
INDUSTRIAL	Number	87	65	- 25.29	13	8	- 38.46
	Value $.	5,634,600	22,713,600	303.11	573,200	333,000	- 41.91
ENGINEERING	Number	301	202	- 32.89	21	29	38.10
	Value $.	56,038,200	44,215,700	- 21.10	1,395,000	2,791,400	100.10
TOTAL - - - - - - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	6,477	4,889	- 24.52	872	762	- 12.62
	VALUE $.	176,838,800	170,497,600	- 3.59	14,755,800	19,697,700	33.49

(1) Source: Building Reporter, October, 1954, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

OCTOBER AND TEN MONTH PERIOD ENGING OCTOBER 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953.

	1953 (Jan. - Oct.)	1954 (Jan. - Oct.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (October)	1954 (October)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Banff	627,617	598,054	- 4.71	42,986	33,432	- 22.23
Elk Island	172,173	151,382	-12.08	6,000	3,000	- 50.00
Jasper	130,991	119,046	- 9.12	2,609	1,702	- 34.76
Waterton Lakes	206,587	219,621	6.31	8,131	11,761	44.64
TOTAL	1,137,368	1,088,103	- 4.33	59,726	49,895	- 16.46

(1)AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS

FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

SEPTEMBER AND NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan.- Sept.)	1954 (Jan.- Sept.)	9 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (September)	1954 (September)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Aden	264	282	6.82	67	32	- 52.24
Carway	15,060	15,792	4.86	1,622	1,498	- 7.64
Chief Mountain	11,281	11,363	.73	832	982	18.03
Coutts	32,680	33,026	1.06	3,847	3,441	- 10.55
Del Bonita	1,030	1,043	1.26	151	183	21.19
Wild Horse	537	631	17.50	85	110	29.41
TOTAL	60,852	62,137	2.11	6,604	6,246	- 5.42

(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

DETAILS OF ALBERTA REFINERIES' PRODUCTION

AUGUST - 1954

FIRMS DESIGNATED AS:	GASOLINE GALS.	DIESEL FUEL GALS.	KEROSENE GALS.	OTHER FUEL GALS.	MISC. FUEL GALS.	TOTAL GALS.
A-	1,711,535	1,063,965	-	1,447,495	252,980	4,475,975
AA-	4,960,905	1,266,440	3,990	1,266,615	48,580	7,546,530
B-	164,325	-	-	-	-	164,325
BB-	29,405	78,854	88,743	145,418	104,880	447,300
C-	1,506,049	203,179	334,525	459,312	-	2,503,065
G-	328,354	298,409	470,428	5,440,901	-	6,538,092
H-	338,998	6,564*	15,371	678,560	-	1,026,365
J-	15,036,789	8,710,940	1,536*	4,105,566	552,790	28,404,549
L-	905,800	-	-	-	-	905,800
M-	32,121	42,139	26,594	325,903	126,161	552,918
N-	5,675,145	850,465	-	1,210,685	138,915	7,875,210
O-	3,008	-	-	151,080	-	154,088
P-	9,169	-	-	-	-	9,169
TOTAL	30,701,603	12,507,827	938,115	15,231,535	1,224,306	60,603,386

* Adjustment - Deduct

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

SEPTEMBER AND NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan.- Sept.)	1954 (Jan.- Sept.)	9 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (Sept.)	1954 (Sept.)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES:			%			%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	79,001,108	61,748,922	- 21.84	6,788,316	4,664,300	- 31.29
Boots and Shoes	2,227,482	1,976,343	- 11.27	301,097	283,720	- 5.77
Drugs	6,027,230	6,465,997	7.28	699,147	732,841	4.82
Dry Goods	9,720,302	8,805,113	- 9.42	1,006,490	891,910	- 11.38
Electrical Appliances and Radios	32,660,835	33,493,948	2.55	3,203,631	3,119,326	- 2.63
Florists	217,855	202,122	- 7.22	17,066	13,947	- 18.28
Furniture	4,580,563	3,312,699	- 27.68	334,556	273,091	- 18.37
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	105,991,232	107,921,375	1.82	13,395,707	13,291,984	- .77
Hardware	51,750,881	43,810,229	- 15.34	6,883,296	5,871,559	- 14.70
Lumber and Building Supplies	36,299,196	37,288,784	2.73	4,676,458	5,161,827	10.38
Paints and Varnishes	6,918,024	6,777,230	- 2.04	608,879	563,213	- 7.50
Paper	7,647,375	7,382,106	- 3.47	920,231	781,043	- 15.13
Tobacco	14,052,305	14,356,596	2.17	1,680,585	1,607,829	- 4.33
Oilfield Supplies	7,511,635	9,614,163	27.99	489,897	479,856	- 2.05
Carbonated Beverages	14,825,680	13,542,308	- 8.66	1,586,546	1,417,566	- 10.65
Miscellaneous	40,788,833	39,942,939	- 2.07	3,643,519	3,719,498	2.09
TOTAL	420,220,536	396,640,874	- 5.61	46,235,421	42,873,510	- 7.27
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	100,118,810	94,892,999	- 5.22	9,973,078	10,115,543	1.43
Edmonton	86,409,029	85,917,705	- .57	10,472,792	10,572,652	.95
Lethbridge	14,103,374	13,981,994	- .86	1,745,909	1,560,004	- 10.65
Medicine Hat	1,592,965	1,552,124	- 2.56	116,176	110,144	- 5.19
Smaller Centres	5,346,837	5,094,933	- 4.71	625.680	532,010	- 14.97
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	212,649,521	195,201,119	- 8.21	23,301,786	19,983,157	- 14.24
TOTAL	420,220,536	396,640,874	- 5.61	46,235,421	42,873,510	- 7.27

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

AUGUST AND EIGHT MONTH PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1 9 5 3 (Jan. - Aug.)	1 9 5 4 (Jan. - Aug.)	8 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 3 (August)	1 9 5 4 (August)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
T O T A L - RETAIL TRADE	631,943,000 (a)	587,035,000 (a)	- 7.11	85,309,000 (a)	74,500,000 (a)	-12.67
Grocery and Combination Store - -	76,755,000	80,584,000	4.99	9,966,000	10,112,000	1.46
Meat Stores - - - - - - - - - - - -	9,145,000	9,247,000	1.12	1,348,000	1,214,000	- 9.94
Country General Stores - - - - -	38,864,000	38,246,000	- 1.59	5,224,000	4,556,000	-12.79
Department Stores - - - - - - - - -	59,822,000	60,190,000	.62	7,370,000	7,488,000	1.60
Variety Store - - - - - - - - - - -	6,895,000	6,975,000	1.16	883,000	922,000	4.42
Motor Vehicle Dealers - - - - - -	151,402,000	127,542,000	-15.76	17,662,000	14,960,000	-15.30
Garage and Filling Stations - -	39,272,000	38,418,000	- 2.17	6,662,000	5,830,000	-12.49
Men's Clothing Stores - - - - - -	9,275,000	8,782,000	- 5.32	1,074,000	1,049,000	- 2.33
Family Clothing Stores - - - - -	7,244,000	6,689,000	- 7.66	902,000	892,000	- 1.11
Women's Clothing Stores - - - - -	10,437,000	9,906,000	- 5.09	1,218,000	1,312,000	7.72
Shoe Stores - - - - - - - - - - -	3,562,000	3,450,000	- 3.14	432,000	405,000	- 6.25
Hardware Stores - - - - - - - - - -	17,535,000	15,490,000	-11.66	2,750,000	2,030,000	-26.18
Lumber & Building Material Dealers	35,431,000	30,802,000	-13.06	5,991,000	5,561,000	- 7.18
Furniture Store - - - - - - - - - -	6,893,000	6,153,000	-10.74	880,000	815,000	- 7.39
Appliances and Radio Stores - - -	(b)	(b)	-	(b)	(b)	-
Restaurants - - - - - - - - - - - -	26,483,000	22,600,000	-14.66	3,933,000	3,154,000	-19.81
Coal and Wood Dealers - - - - - -	(b)	(b)	-	(b)	(b)	-
Drug Stores - - - - - - - - - - - -	12,883,000	13,010,000	.99	1,592,000	1,573,000	- 1.19
Jewellery Stores - - - - - - - - -	4,252,000	(b)	-	579,000	(b)	-
Tobacco Stores - - - - - - - - - -	(b)	(b)	-	(b)	(b)	-
All Other Trades - - - - - - - - -	103,031,000	93,325,000	- 9,42	15,696,000	11,107,000	-29.24

(a) Any slight difference between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures and to figures being withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(b) Not available.

SOURCE: Retail Trade Vol. XXVI, No. 8, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

LABOUR REVIEW

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 1st Sept. 1954

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 54, No. 9, Sept. 1, 1954

LABOUR requirements in most parts of the Prairie region levelled off during August. The effect of heavy rainfall on farming and construction, and lower production levels in some manufacturing industries, were reflected in the number of persons at work.

Rust infestation has substantially reduced the probable crop return so that, although labour requirements will increase as harvesting becomes general, the supply of workers in most areas is expected to be adequate.

EDMONTON: The volume of work started in the city was greater than last year but construction of all types was held up by continual rain. Farming, oil exploration and road construction in the surrounding districts were also affected by bad weather. As a result, the local labour supply, which was inadequate last year, was in balance with demand this year.

CALGARY: Employment was about 2 per cent higher than last year as a result of continuous growth in the construction, trade and service industries. Construction employment is expected to remain at a high level for the balance of the season.

Labour supply was in approximate balance with demand in the Lethbridge, Red Deer, Drumheller and Medicine Hat areas.

Employment and Payrolls

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers' contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situations at the 1st of Aug. 1954, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYEES, PAYROLLS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At AUGUST 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Aug. 1 1953	Aug. 1 1954	Aug. 1 1953 $	Aug. 1 1954 $	Aug. 1 1954
Mining	115.5	111.0	72.88	74.53	17,213
Coal	62.4	48.4	55.76	50.71	3,905
Oil and Natural Gas Wells	186.7	191.9	79.41	80.85	11,845
Manufacturing	131.1	135.4	57.76	59.89	27,273
Food and Beverages	122.0	127.9	55.10	57.30	9,408
Meat Products	121.4	124.6	60.50	64.21	3,959
Wood Products	111.4	108.5	47.94	47.50	2,854
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	100.6	108.0	57.56	57.75	1,224
Iron and Steel Products	149.4	147.4	66.20	67.73	2,682
Transportation Equipment	164.6	134.1	60.28	61.56	3,966
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	121.8	153.2	54.81	58.01	2,410
Products of Petroleum and Coal	143.4	141.8	74.44	80.25	1,358
Construction	214.4	212.7	70.87	65.72	23,417
Buildings and Structures (k)	238.3	200.5	76.09	69.95	12,185
Highways, Bridges and Streets	184.7	227.6	58.22	61.13	11,232
Transportation, Storage, Communication	123.7	118.7	61.95	63.82	24,704
Steam Railways	114.6	106.5	66.11	66.95	14,241
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	142.0	141.6	59.92	65.07	3,619
Storage	118.3	111.3	49.93	54.38	2,598
Trade	126.1	127.8	50.34	52.77	25,450
Wholesale	129.8	129.1	53.29	56.78	8,818
Retail	124.0	127.1	48.66	50.65	16,632
Service	146.0	166.3	35.17	36.71	9,558
Hotels and Restaurants	149.0	160.7	33.31	34.39	6,482
Industrial Composite	135.2	136.8	59.84	60.18	137,435

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.

(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.

(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, August, 1954.
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS (Continued)

Employment, Payrolls and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries at AUGUST, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Aug. 1 1953	Aug. 1 1954	Aug. 1 1953	Aug. 1 1954	Aug. 1 1954
CALGARY			$	$	
Manufacturing	126.3	122.9	61.44	63.52	9,247
Foods and Beverages	115.9	116.0	59.70	62.33	2,910
Transportation Equipment	155.3	125.5	60.83	62.96	2,295
Construction	179.1	191.3	59.32	68.49	3,772
Wholesale Trade	124.4	123.5	54.15	57.19	3,837
Retail Trade	121.6	127.6	50.16	51.64	6,404
Industrial Composite	132.7	139.2	56.15	58.83	34,046
EDMONTON					
Manufacturing	144.2	150.2	58.65	60.53	11,122
Foods and Beverages	128.0	132.0	56.78	60.00	4,002
Meat Products	127.3	130.3	58.55	62.83	2,668
Construction	229.7	183.2	80.72	67.86	7,187
Wholesale Trade	141.4	143.6	52.26	56.34	3,614
Retail Trade	127.7	128.8	48.23	51.02	7,457
Industrial Composite	152.8	150.1	59.85	57.81	37,934

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, August, 1954.

Prepared in the

Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At AUGUST 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Aug. 1 1953	Aug. 1 1954	Aug. 1 1953 ¢	Aug. 1 1954 ¢	Aug. 1 1953 $	Aug. 1 1954 $	Aug. 1 1954
Coal Mining	28.5	25.7	183.4	181.1	52.27	46.54	3,318
Oil and Natural Gas Production	44.0	43.7	168.0	171.9	73.92	75.12	4,258
Manufacturing	40.3	39.9	140.1	144.6	56.46	57.70	19,156
Foods and Beverages	39.2	39.4	135.2	138.3	53.00	54.49	6,363
Meat Products	38.0	38.8	150.0	154.8	57.00	60.06	2,820
Transportation Equipment	39.8	38.9	152.1	153.4	60.54	59.67	3,087
Buildings and Structures (h)	43.8	42.6	176.1	160.7	77.13	68.46	10,018
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	40.9	40.7	146.0	149.2	59.71	60.72	2,096
Service (j)	44.1	42.3	75.0	80.2	33.08	33.92	5,603

SOURCE: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, August, 1954
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and Structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; laundries; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.

(1) ADVANCE INDEX NUMBERS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1954, WITH INDEXES FOR A YEAR EARLIER (1949=100)

(2) AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

	(1) EMPLOYMENT		(1) PAYROLLS		(2) AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES	
	Sept. 1 1954	Sept. 1 1953	Sept. 1 1954	Sept. 1 1953	Sept. 1 1954 $	Sept. 1 1953 $
Newfoundland	138.8	156.0	202.9	245.1	54.87	58.95
Prince Edward Island	121.2	124.7	156.3	165.2	43.48	44.64
Nova Scotia	100.8	104.0	132.1	135.0	49.04	48.55
New Brunswick	100.4	107.1	133.6	139.1	50.33	49.06
Quebec	111.8	115.6	154.3	153.7	56.67	54.61
Ontario	111.4	116.5	154.1	156.6	61.22	59.51
Manitoba	108.7	111.1	146.2	145.4	57.18	55.70
Saskatchewan	126.1	123.3	172.6	166.3	56.64	55.92
Alberta	134.6	135.6	179.2	182.6	59.11	59.88
British Columbia	113.0	114.7	158.9	161.1	64.14	64.14
Canada - Composite Index	112.6	116.6	155.1	157.0		
Canada - Manufacturing	108.3	115.6	150.6	155.4	60.83	58.83
Canada - Composite Figure	-	-	-	-	58.95	57.61

SOURCE: Prepared in the Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division

Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.